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REMARKS

The Office Action states that the references cited in the specification were not considered, due to their not being submitted in proper Information Disclosure Statement form on a separate sheet. The Applicants note that the identified references were submitted in a separate Information Disclosure Statement on July 17, 2003, and the form 1449 submitted therewith has been initialed by the Examiner as considered. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of these references in the next communication issued in this application.

In response to the objections to the specification set forth in items 4 and 5 of the Office Action at page 2, Applicants have submitted an amended Abstract of the Disclosure, attached hereto on a separate page, as required. In addition, the text of the specification at page 7, line 4 has been corrected to refer to Figures 1A and 1B. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these grounds of objection are respectfully requested.

Applicants note that the currently outstanding Office Action indicates that Claims 2 through 8 and 10 through 16 have been withdrawn from consideration. However, as noted in the body of the Office Action, in the response filed July 28, 2005, Applicants elected Species I, which had been defined in the Office Action as including generic Claim 1 and Claims 9 through 16. Accordingly, Applicants

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believe that Claims 10 through 16 should have been acted on in the Office Action. Nevertheless, in view of the amendments made hereinabove, Applicants also believe that this problem has been rendered moot.

Claims 1 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Umeda et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,124,660). However, for the reasons set forth hereinafter, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 3, 10 and 11 which remain of record herein distinguish over the cited Umeda et al reference.

By the foregoing amendment, Applicants have canceled Claims 2, 4 through 9 and 12-16, and have amended generic Claim 1 to include limitations previously incorporated in Claim 2. In particular, Claim 1 now defines an epicycloidal motor which comprises a stator core formed by a combination of multiple split core pieces, and a stator winding conductor wound on a slot of the stator core. Moreover, Claim 1 further recites that split core pieces are provided in the form a tee which includes a tee base, a tee column extending along the periphery from the tee base, and a tee flange extending in a circumferential direction on both sides of a tip of the tee column. Finally, Claim 1 further recites that the slots are formed on the inner periphery of the tee flange and on both sides of the tee column, and that the outer periphery of the tee flanges formed in a circular arc, with flat inclinations arranged on both ends of the outer periphery.

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The Umeda et al reference, on the other hand, discloses an AC generator for vehicles which includes a field rotor, a stator disposed around the field rotor and a frame for supporting the rotor and stator. In addition, the structure disclosed in Umeda et al includes the stator in the form of a laminated core having a plurality of slots. However, Umeda et al fails to teach or suggest the features of Claim 1 as amended, which are referred to previously. In particular, it does not disclose split core pieces which are provided in the form of a tee that is structured in the manner recited in Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 3, 10 and 11 distinguish over Umeda et al.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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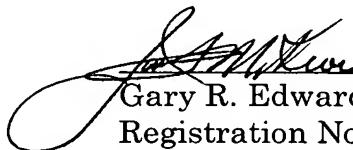
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